

Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-1103

Name: Mary R. Sylvester House
207 W. Chew Avenue
St. Michaels Historic District (T-577)

Construction Date: ca. 1873

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

Summary Description:

A contributing element in the St. Michaels Historic District, this building is a two-story, three bay, wood frame structure with a rear ell. This house type is common throughout St. Michaels. It is situated on a double lot and has been enlarged by a large, two-story modern addition on the east side of the historic core. One and two story shed roof additions have been added to the east side of the rear ell. The building is covered entirely in new wood clapboards.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1103

Magi No.

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Mary R. Sylvester House (St. Michaels Historic District)

2. Location

street & number 207 W. Chew Street

☐ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

☐ vicinity of

congressional district First

state MD

county Talbot

3. Classification

Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☐ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Drayton C. Harrison

street & number P.O. Box 1065

telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels

state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse

liber 532

street & number Washington Street

folio 409

city, town Easton

state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title St. Michaels Historic District

date 1986

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state MD

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

This building is a two-story, three bay, wood frame structure with a rear ell, typical in form to many houses found throughout St. Michaels. According to a plaque on the front elevation, the building is referred to as the Mary R. Sylvester House and was constructed ca. 1873. The building is situated on a double lot, and a large two-story modern addition has been added to the east side of the historic core. The facade contains a central entrance with a single bay pedimented entry porch. An overhead transom above the entrance door is decorated with a stained glass panel. Modern aluminum window units have been added throughout. One and two story shed roofed additions have been added to the east side of the rear kitchen wing. The building is covered with wood clapboards, and the roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The house has two exterior end brick chimneys, one on the west elevation of the historic block and one on the addition facing W. Chew Avenue.

A detached, two vehicle garage has also been constructed on the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1873 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This late-nineteenth century structure (ca. 1873) is a contributing element of the St. Michaels Historic District (T-577) as part of the group of the mid-to-late nineteenth century domestic buildings considered significant to the town under Criterion C. Please refer to the St. Michaels Historic District National Register Nomination Form for the statement of significance.

The house has had extensive alterations. Since the building is a contributing element within the St. Michaels Historic District, it is assumed that the alterations and new construction were approved by the St. Michaels Historic Area Commission and conform to the St. Michaels Area Design Guidelines.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
 Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: The house is a contributing element of the St. Michaels Historic District (T-577). The district nomination did not describe all individual properties; therefore, this form was completed.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7,500 square feet

Quadrangle name St. Michaels, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting	North	ing
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B

Zone	Easting	North	ing
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C

Zone	Easting	North	ing
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D

Zone	Easting	North	ing
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E

Zone	Easting	North	ing
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F

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G

Zone	Easting	North	ing
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H

Zone	Easting	North	ing
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Talbot County tax map 201, grid SM, parcel 1923.

The boundary encompasses the parcel currently owned by Drayton C. Harrison.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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date July 28, 1998

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state GA 30083

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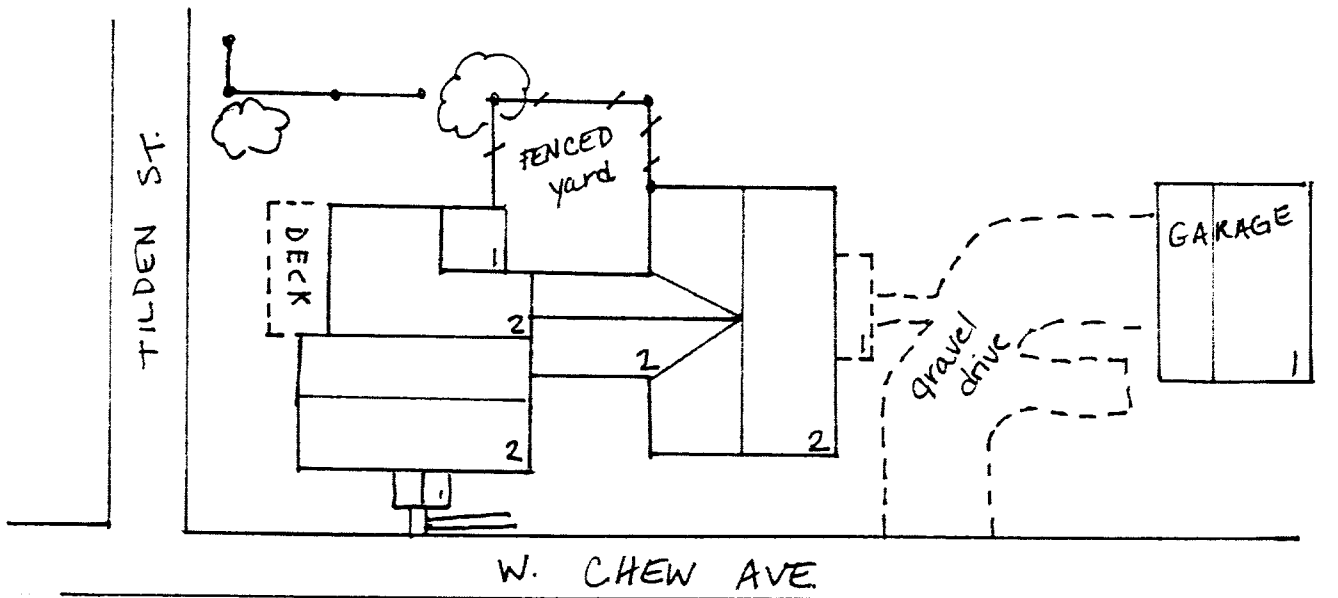
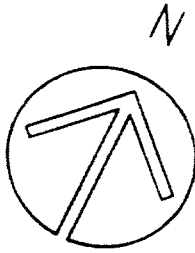
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
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SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

drawn by: Rachel Mancini
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August, 1998



Continuation Sheet

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance Period A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

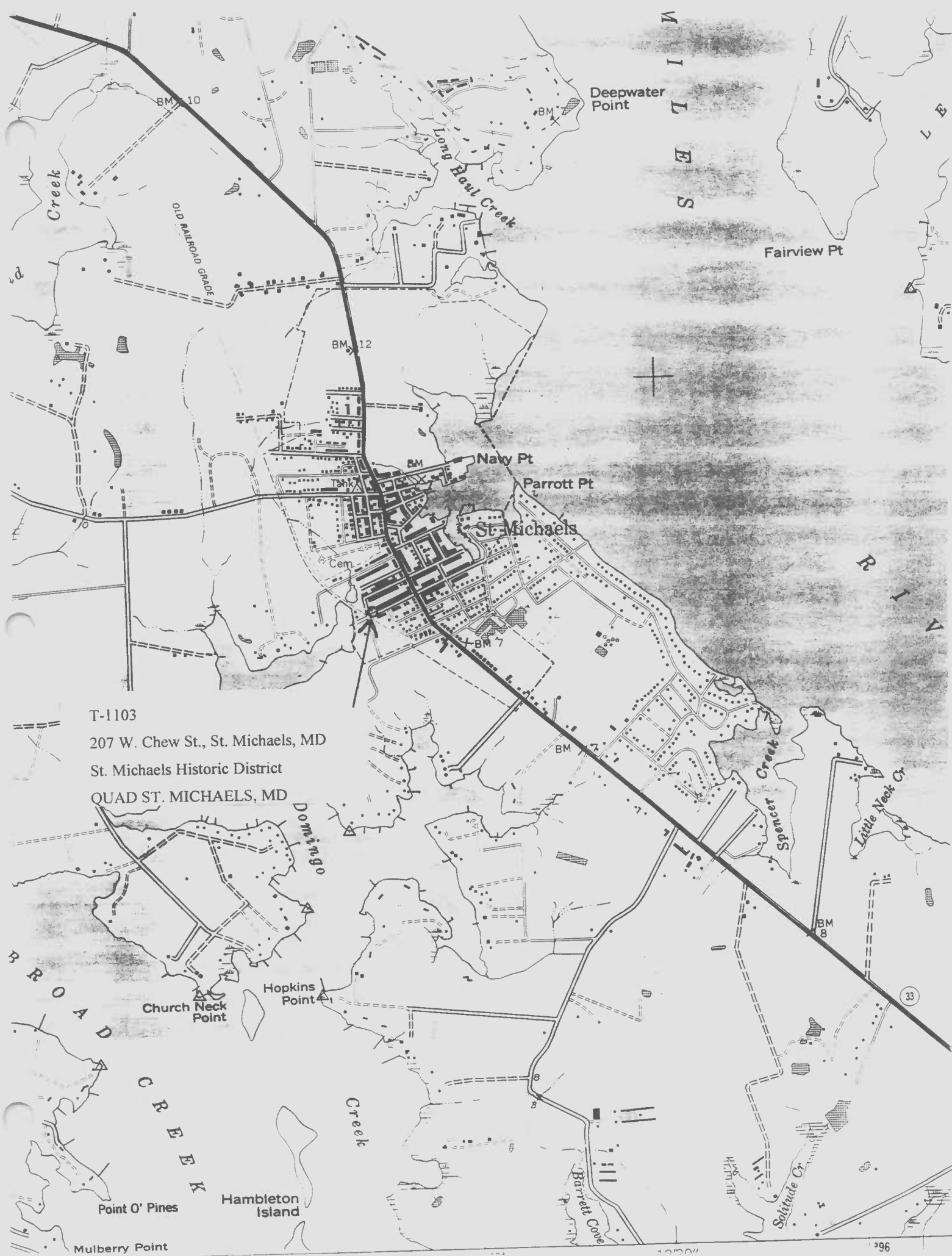
Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Known Design Source: none



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regs → MD SHPO

Main house, South elevation

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Main house, East elevation

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Main house, North elevation

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Garage, looking NE

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